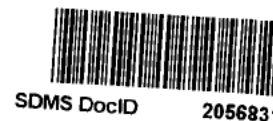


**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**  
**Work Assignment ES-002**  
*Lower Darby Creek Area Site*

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**Name:** Maurice Gauthier (WITNESS)

(b) (6)

**Affiliation:** Fire Chief, Folcroft Fire Department, 1972

**Telephone:** (b) (6)(b) (6)

**Type of Interview:** In-Person

**Date of Interview:** January 2, 2002

On January 2, 2002, the WITNESS was interviewed at the Folcroft Fire Company by (b) (6)(b) (6) of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. The Following individuals were also present during this interview. This interview was not tape-recorded.

- Stan Billie: Mr. Billie was Chief of the Folcroft Volunteer Fire Company from 1969 to 1971 and has been a member of the Folcroft Volunteer Fire Company from 1965 to the present.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for private citizens and government agencies.

The WITNESS was shown a map of the Site and this map was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Site.

The WITNESS stated that he has been a member of the Folcroft Volunteer Fire Company since 1965. He indicated that he was Chief of the Folcroft Volunteer Fire Company from 1971 to 1973.

The WITNESS stated that Folcroft Landfill was in operation from at least 1965 to about 1974. He indicated that he had responded to fires on the Folcroft Landfill numerous times from 1965 to 1974. The WITNESS stated that he responded to fires at the Folcroft Landfill approximately two times each month.

The WITNESS stated that most of the fires started at night after the Landfill was closed. He indicated that the Folcroft Fire Company usually responded to the fires on the Landfill when the fires were observed at night.

The WITNESS stated that most of the fires on the Landfill were trash fires caused by hot ash. The WITNESS stated that the Delaware County incinerator was located approximately 500 feet from the entrance to the Landfill. He indicated that the incinerator was in operation 24-hours a day and that the hot ash from the incinerator was disposed of on the Landfill. He indicated that if this hot ash was placed near a trash pile the trash would ignite.

When asked the name of the company that transported the hot ash from the incinerator to the Landfill, the WITNESS stated that Tri-County Hauling operated out of the building on the Landfill and that Tri-County Hauling may have been the company that transported the incinerator ash to the Landfill.

When asked the names of any individuals that worked at the Folcroft Landfill and the names of any individuals that he came in contact at the Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Bernie McNichol: The WITNESS stated that Bernie McNichol owned the Landfill and was present on a few occasions when he responded to fire on the Landfill.
- Ed Mullen: The WITNESS stated that Ed Mullen was the manager of the Folcroft Landfill and was present on some occasions when he responded to the Landfill to extinguish fires.

The WITNESS stated that he did not know the names of any other individuals that worked of the Folcroft Landfill.

When asked if he had ever responded to the folcroft Landfill for accidents or injuries, the WITNESS stated that he recalls one incident in about 1974. He indicated that the compactor bulldozer had flipped over on the driver of the vehicle. The WITNESS stated that the driver was taken to the hospital. The WITNESS stated that he did not know if the injuries were serious.

When asked if the Folcroft Fire company maintained records of fires they responded to or would have any records of activities at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that their would have been a report completed on any fire run but that at the time records were only kept for three years.

The WITNESS stated that in about 1976, after the Folcroft landfill had closed, he responded to a fire on the Landfill located behind Equity Cement off of Kaiser Drive. The WITNESS identified the location on the enclosed map indicating that the fire was on the Folcroft Annex. The WITNESS stated that this fire was caused by a vehicle that had driven onto the Landfill and had caught on fire. He indicated that this vehicle was operated by an employee from the United States Department of Interior. The WITNESS stated that the fire was very difficult to extinguish and that it took approximately two weeks to put the fire out completely. The

WITNESS stated that much of the area was dug up for dirt to cover the fire and that numerous 55-gallon steel drums were uncovered. He indicated that the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources was called and that this Agency would have a record of the incident.

When asked if he had observed any markings or names on these drums, the WITNESS stated that the drums did have marking, however he could not recall any specific names or markings. When asked if any photographs were taken during this incident, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

When asked the names of any transporters or generators that had waste disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall specific names of the trash companies that disposed of waste at the Landfill other than Tri-County Hauling. He indicated that there was a great deal of truck traffic entering the Folcroft Landfill daily, although he did not pay particular attention to the trucks.

When asked the names of any individuals that might have relevant knowledge of waste disposal activities at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that (b) (6)(b) (6) lived in the house closest to the Landfill and was very vocal about the activities at the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that (b) (6) is deceased. However, her son, (b) (6) (b) (6), lives in Ridley Park and may have some relevant information.

When asked if he had any knowledge of the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes and explained that the Folcroft Fire Company was a designated back up to Darby Township Fire Company. The WITNESS stated that there were numerous fires at the Clearview Landfill and that the Darby Fire Company would request assistance from the Folcroft Fire Company about one time each month. He indicated that these fires were trash fires and that he did not know the origin of the fires.

When asked to describe the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated that at the time the Clearview Landfill was in use, it was known as Heller's Dump. He indicated that the entrance to the Landfill was located off of 84<sup>th</sup> and Buist Street in Philadelphia. The WITNESS was shown a map of the Clearview Landfill and this map is attached to the interview summary. The WITNESS located the entrance to the Landfill on the enclosed map. The WITNESS stated that he recalls a building and a small shack at the entrance to the Landfill. He indicated that he recalls a large quantity of baled trash. He indicated that this baled trash was located next to the building at the entrance.

When asked the names of individuals that might have relevant knowledge of waste disposal practices at the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Lee Tallafino (spelling may be incorrect): The WITNESS stated that Mr. Tallafino was Chief of the Darby Township Fire Company during the late 1960s and was the first fireman on the scene when fires were reported at the Clearview Landfill. He indicated that this individual was also a friend of the owner of the Clearview Landfill, Richard Heller. The WITNESS stated that this individual is now a Darby Township Commissioner.

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The WITNESS stated that when the Folcroft Fire Company responded to the Clearview Landfill, they did not usually have to work on the fires. He indicated that the Darby Township Fire Company was always present and was the primary unit responsible to control the fire.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Maurice Gauthier